

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows. The paragraph numbers correspond to Applicants originally filed application:

Preceding paragraph [0001], please insert the heading, TECHNICAL FIELD

Preceding paragraph [0006], please insert the heading, BACKGROUND

Preceding paragraph [0014], please insert the heading, SUMMARY

Preceding paragraph [0034], please insert the heading, BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please amend paragraph [0034] as follows

[0034] The invention will be described below with reference to the appended drawings, which are provided merely as a non-restrictive example in which:

- Figure 1 is a longitudinal section view displaying a switch off chamber belonging to electrical switch off equipment in accordance with the invention
- Figure 2 is a schematic view displaying the first stage of a manufacturing process of an arcing contact element belonging to the switching off equipment of Figure 1
- Figures 3 and 4 are micrographic views displaying two subsequent stages of this manufacturing procedure.

~~Figure 1 displays a switching off chamber 2 belonging to electrical switching off equipment for medium or high tension, not shown, which can be a circuit breaker for example. This switching off chamber is arranged conventionally so that it will be described succinctly in what follows.~~

Preceding paragraph [0035], please insert the heading, DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please amend paragraph [0035] as follows

[0035] Figure 1 displays a switching off chamber 2 belonging to electrical switching off

equipment for medium or high tension, not shown, which can be a circuit breaker for example.  
This switching off chamber is arranged conventionally so that it will be described succinctly in  
what follows. This chamber 2 is demarcated by an insulating cylindrical envelope 4 and is filled with an insulating gas such as SF6 for example. It consists first of all of a fixed contact device allocated in its totality by the reference 6. This device 6, as is well-known, consists of a support 8 on which an arcing contact element is assembled 10.

Preceding Claim 1 on Page 9, please insert the following: What is claimed is: